

Durham Land Stewardship Committee

1/14/2016 Meeting

Present: Dennis, Rachel, Mike, Malin, Ann, Ken

Need New Chair for this Committee

1. Ann will remain on the Committee, but is dropping off Cons Comm so can't remain as chair of this committee. However, she'll continue with projects for this group
2. Need to get a new chair who is a member of Agriculture or Parks and Rec. Rachel and Ken will try to recruit someone from Parks & Rec. and Ann will ask about a Cons Comm member.
 - a. Need to notice the meeting
 - b. Create and send the agenda 1 week in advance (for Friday Update)
2. We probably need the new chair to be approved by the Cons Comm since this is a subcommittee of the Conservation Commission.
3. Ann happy to share about what needs to be done – anyone interested can call her

Oyster River Forest – Trail Project

Estimate from AMC to do spruce bog trail, connector trail through field, bridge over stream, ADA path TO the bog is \$35,000.

- Ann has had trouble communicating with Charlie Moreno – he is supposed to get estimate to NRCS for doing forestry work across the access road.
- Ann will email .pdf of RTP proposal and AMC proposal
- Need to organize fundraising effort
 - Mountain-biking, could access those folks
 - Ask UNH about creating a designated mt biking trail from UNH to ORFores
 - Ann will email the RTP proposal to the Committee for review
 - Can ask for pledges – if it doesn't go anywhere, \$ goes anywhere
 - Malin offered to chair a fundraising working group. Others interested are Ann, Ken, Rachel. We'll also ask others in the town (Nate T.) Plan=meet for beers 😊
 - Conservation Fund could receive the funds so people could get donate
 - Check with library how they handled donations
 - Need to add signage plan to the AMC proposal

Parks & Recreation Committee Report – Discover Durham Trails

- This week: **Beech Hill Trail**, 10am Sunday, Maggie Moore will lead it
- Interest by another volunteer who wants to lead a walk – Rachel will ask around for volunteers
- Rachel will create a sign in sheet
- We should start to build an email list of interested people – to advertise new walks, etc.

Fogg Property – Need to work with UNH about accessing the Fogg trails, establish public access, etc. First we'll do the ORF project.

No Agriculture Committee Report (no members present)

New Projects:

Wagon Hill Erosion Project – Mike was approached by Dave Burdick at Jackson Lab about trying to do a living shoreline, as well as a contact at DES Kirsten Howard.

Next Meeting: Thursday Feb. 11, 8 a.m. at the Bagel Works

Later meeting: Thursday, March 10, 3:30 p.m. at Durham Town Hall